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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 6425

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOI POLICY TOWARDS INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES

REF: (A) STATE 113713, (B) STATE 112959, (C) STATE 111014,
(D) CANBERRA 3460

1. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED INFORMALLY BY A DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOURCE THAT GOI HAS INDEED CHANGED ITS POLICY TOWARDS BOAT REFUGEES. WHEREAS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSURED THAT ALL SUCH REFUGEES WOULD BE PERMITTED STOP IN INDONESIA UNTIL ACCEPTED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY, SOURCE STATES THAT POLICY IS NOW EITHER: (A) IF BOAT SEAWORTHY, TO SUPPLY IT AS NECESSARY AND PUSH IT OFF ON ITS WAY TO AUSTRALIA OR WHEREVER IT WISHES TO GO, OR (B) IF BOAT IS IN DANGEROUS CONDITION, TO REPAIR IT AND SEND IT ON ITS WAY, OR (C) IF BOAT IS IRREPERABLE, TO ALLOW REFUGEES TO LAND AND BE PLACED IN CAMP.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WE HAVE
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LEARNED THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED VIRTUALLY THE SAME INFORMATION FROM INDONESIAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES -- ALSO INFORMALLY.

3. AUSTRALIANS ALSO STATE THAT THEY HAVE INDIRECTLY BEEN TOLD THAT INDONESIAN ATTITUDE BECOMING SIMILIAR TO THAT OF SINGAPORE IN THAT THEY WISH TO HAVE CON-

CRETE ASSURANCE OF ONWARD MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES BEFORE
THEY ALLOW ANY TO LAND.

4. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, WE BELIEVE THAT AUSTRALIAN
AND U.S. AUTHORITIES SHOULD AGAIN CONCERT REGARDING
DEMARCHES OR OTHER STEPS TO BE TAKEN VIS-A-VIS
INDONESIA. WE HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY SPECIFIC INITIATIVE
TO DATE PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS, SINCE BOTH
OUR AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY'S INFORMATION HAS BEEN
INFORMALLY RECEIVED AND WE HAVE NOT WISHED TO HARDEN
GOI POSITION PREMATURELY.
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